G. R. S. 58]

Previous references.

Med. 135-10 (2 & 4)

1910

(Medical)

File No. 135

Serial Nos. 5, 6 & 8.

Later references.

Med / 35-10-9 to 10

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 5, 6 & 8.

Part B for Mar, 1911.

SUBJECT.

Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, Bangalore, and the future of Medicine in Mysore.

---

5. From the Offg: Sr. Surgn., No 49. 413 d 14.2.11: Requests sanction to pay from the contingencies of his office a sum of Rs. 30-12-0 on account of the cost of Half-tone Blocks supplied by W. M. Press, Mysore city, for insertion in the booklets circulated on the occasion of H. H. the Maharaja laying the foundation stone of the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital

6. To Dr & Compt, no 7367-8 d 7.3.11: Sanctions, with an observation, the cost of Rs 30-10-0 and calls for a copy of the booklet referred to above

GPB—5,000—22-10-10

8. From the Sr Surgn no 6024 d 20.3.11: Forwards a copy of the booklet called for.

13/11 3.30 PM

5352

G.R.S. 11] 1900-11

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Medical)

NOTES.

File No. 135-10.

FILE HEADING.

Minto Ophthalmic Hospital Bangalore and the future of medicine in Mysore.

From

The Offg Senior Surgeon

No. Cy 413 Dated 14/15-2-11. Received 17-2-11.

Diary No. 5352	Enclos.	Spare Copies	Serial No. 5

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requests Sanction to pay from the Contingencies of his office a sum of Rs 30-12-0 on account of the cost of Half-tone blocks supplied by the M. N. Press, Mysore City, for insertion in the booklets circulated on the occasion of His Highness the Maharaja laying the foundation Stone of the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Subtd with a draft G.O Sanctg for appt or other orders. Please See also G.O No: 6210-11 & 23.1.11 Med 135-10-4

R

Rev (G) Sec 20.2.11. / Sec (Cr) 21.2.11

Approved HHM

Issue 25/2/11

28.2.11

456 28.2.11

NOTES—First sheet

GPB—15,000—24-4-09.

G. R. S. 12]
General and Revenue Secretariat.

bpm

Red File No. 135 of 1910-11.

Serial No.	
6	To the Offg Senior Surgeon and the Compholler G.O no 7367-8 of 7.3.11. Sanctions the expenditure referred to in Sl no. 5 being drawn the Contingencies of the Senior Surgeon's office with the observation that the correct amount thereof as per bill read is Rs 30-10-a & not Rs 30-12-a and calls for a copy of the booklet referred to in Sl no: 5.
8	Letter no: 6024 of $\frac{20}{21}$.3.11 from the Senior Surgeon Forwards a copy of the booklet ~~referred to~~ called for in Sl no 6 The correspondence will, if appd, be now formed into a "B" Collection Yes 23.3.11. 24.3.11

NOTE— Contn. sheet.

GPB—50,000—12-8-10

No. G 413
Encs. 1

D. 5352

Office of Senior Surgeon, Mysore Govt.,

Dated, Bangalore, 14/15. 2. 1911.

mcd 155-10

Sl-5

From

P.S. Achyuta Rao Esquire,
~~Lt.-Col. John Smyth, M.D., I.M.S.,~~

Offg. *Senior Surgeon with the Government of*
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer Esqr., B.A.,
Offg Secretary to the Govt of H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore, Genl & Rev Deptts.
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to kindly accord early sanction to my paying from the Contingencies of my office under "OFFICE EXPENSES" the amount of Rs.30-12-0 being the cost of Half tone Blocks, as per copy of the bill herein enclosed, prepared and supplied by the Wesleyan Mission Press, Mysore City, for insertion in the booklets circulated on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the MINTO OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL by H.H. the MAHARAJA of MYSORE.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Personal Assistant,

For Offg Senr Surgn, Mysore Govt.,

From

THE SENIOR SURGEON

WITH THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,

Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Govt

Genl & Rev Depts

Dated 14.2.11 Bangalore

Despatched 15

Received

General No. G 413

No.

Enclosure No.

SUBJECTS.

Requesting sanction for paying from Contingencies of the Senior Surgeon's office the amount of Rs 30/12/0 being the cost of Halftone Blocks supplied by the Wesleyan Mission Press.

2

Duplicate of Halftone bill 230- Mysore, 28-11-16.

The Senior Surgeon, Mysore Govt.,

Bought of the Wesleyan Mission Press - Mysore City.

---------oOo---------

Preparing halftone blocks.-

Eye ward - 4 x 5½ inches	.....	Rs. 11- 0- 0
Eye Hospital - 5⅞ x 4	.....	11-12- 0
Plan - 6 x 2	.....	7-14- 0
	Total Rs.	30-12- 0

" C O P Y "

Personal Assistant,

For Offg Senior Surgeon, M. G.,

Sm 68
10

3

G.R,S.-28.]

File No. 135-10

Serial No.

Diary No. of letter replied to 5352

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.
(Genl)

, the 19

Date of issue 7-2-11

Signed by Nirkniz

READ

Letter No: G.413 of the 14th Feby/10 from the Offg Sanr Surgeon requesting Sanction to the payment from the Contingent fr of his Officer for Office expenses of a Sum of Rs 30-12-a on accoun

ORDER THEREON.—No.

of the cost of half-tone blocks of the Eye ward, ~~and~~ Eye Hospital Supplied by the Wesleyan Mission Press, Mysore City, for insertion in the booklets circulated on the occasion of His Highness the Maharaja laying the foundation Stone of

over

SUBJECT.

GPB—10,000—9-12-09

3 [illegible]

The Minto Ophthalmic Hospital

Bangalore

Order thereon: — 7367 dated 35-10-6 dt 7.3.11

payment from the Contingencies of the Sen: Surgeon's office of the cost of the half-tone blocks
cost
is sanctioned with the observation that the total of the
amounts Rs 30-10-a & not Rs 30-12-a as entered therein.

The Offg Senior Surgeon is requested
to submit a copy of
booklet referred to for record
in the Secretariat

Noted.
Added subject to appl.
It may be useful for
future reference.
20.2.11

Mlk
for Secy
of

14/3/11
25/2/11

To The Offg Senior Surgeon
" Comptroller -

11.3.11

5

No. G463
Encs.

J. 6024

Office of Senior Surgeon, Mysore Govt.,

Dated, Bangalore, 20/21 · 3. 1911

med 15520

SL-8

From

Lt.-Col. John Smyth, M.D., I.M.S.,
Senior Surgeon with the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq. B.A.,
Offg Secretary to the Govt of H.H. the
Maharaja of Mysore, Genl & Rev Deptts.
Bangalore.

Sir,

Referring to para 2 of Government Proceedings No.7367-8/Med.135-10-6 dated 7th March 1911, I have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of the booklet, circulated on the occasion of His Highness the Maharaja laying the foundation stone of the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, Bangalore, as desired therein, for record in the Secretariat.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M.D.
Lt.Col.I.M.S.,
Senior Surgeon, Mysore Government.

Ceremony

on the occasion of the

Laying of the Foundation Stone

OF THE

Minto Ophthalmic Hospital

17th December 1910.

Programme

(1) Invocation.

(2) Reading of the Address by the Senior Surgeon.

(3) Reply of His Highness the Maharaja.

(4) Laying of the Foundation Stone by His Highness.

(5) Presentation of flowers to His Highness.

(6) Mysore Anthem.

ಶ್ರೀ

ಶ್ರೀಯಃ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆ.

ನಿರುಪಮಗುಣರತ್ನ ನೂತ್ನ ಸಿಂಧೋ ।
ಜನಹಿತಚಿಂತನತತ್ಪರಾರ್ತಬಂಧೋ ॥
ಜಯಜಯಹರಿದಂತತಾಂತಕೀರ್ತೇ ।
ಜಯಜಯಕೃಷ್ಣನೃಪಾಲಪುಣ್ಯಮೂರ್ತೆ ॥ ॥ ೧ ॥

ಶುಭಕರಭವದೀಯಪಾಣಿಪದ್ಮ ।
ದ್ಯುತಿಯುತಹಸ್ತಿಶಿಲಾಮಲಾವಿಶಾಲಾ ॥
ಉಪಗತಜನತಾಸುಖೈಕಲೋಲಾ ।
ಜಯತುಚಿರಂವರನೇತ್ರವೈದ್ಯಶಾಲಾ ॥ ॥ ೨ ॥

ರಾಜ್ಞಸಾರ್ವಭೌಮೀನನೂತನಲಸನ್ನೃಪುಣ್ಯಪಣ್ಯೋಜ್ವಲಾಃ ।
ದ್ವಿತ್ರಾವಿವಲಸಂತಿಭಾರತಮಹೀಹೀರಾಯಿತಾನೀವೃತಂ ॥
ಆದ್ಯೋಹೀರವಣಿರ್ಹಿತೇಷುವಿಹಿತಃಕರ್ನಾಟದೇಶಸ್ತ್ವಯಂ ।
ತಸ್ಮಾದೀದೃಶಕಾರ್ಯಮಾರ್ಯಮಹಿತಂದೇಶೇತ್ರದೈನಂದಿನಂ ॥ ॥ ೩ ॥

ವಿಕ್ಟೋರ್ಯಾಚಕ್ರವರ್ತಿನ್ಯನುದಿನಮಖಿಲಾನಂದಿಮೋರ್ಗೀರ್ಣಯೇನ ।
ಪ್ರೇಮ್ಣಾ ರಕ್ಷತ್ಪ್ರಜಾಸ್ಸ್ವಾಇವನಿಸುಗುಣತರಂಭಾವತೀಯಾಅಪೀಮಾಃ ॥
ಜಾರ್ಜ್ಞಭೂಪಃಪಂಚಮೋಸಾವತಿಸುನಿಸೃಣಂತೇನಮೋರ್ಗೀರ್ಣಸರ್ವಾ ।
ತದ್ವತ್ಕರ್ನಾಟದೇಶಾನವನಿಜನಕವೆತ್ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜೇಂದ್ರಚಂದ್ರ ॥ ॥ ೪ ॥

ದೇಶಾನಂದನಚಂದನದ್ರುಮಲತೇತ್ಯಾರ್ಯಾಜಗುರ್ಯಾಂಮುದಾ ।
ವಿಕ್ಟೋರ್ಯಾಪದಭಾಗ್ಯಮೀದೃಶಮಿತೀಶಾಂತಿರ್ಮಮೂರ್ತೇತಿಚ ॥
ತನ್ನಾಮ್ನಾತ್ರಚಕಾಸ್ತಿಸರ್ವಸುಖದಾಯಾವೈದ್ಯಶಾಲಾಮಲಾ ।
ತತ್ಸಾನ್ನಿಧ್ಯಮಿಯಂಸಮರ್ಪತಿಯತೋಮಿಂಟೋಪ್ರಭೋರ್ನಾಮಧೃತ್ ॥ ॥ ೫ ॥

ಕರ್ಣಾಟಕ್ಷಿತಿಪಾಲಚಂದ್ರವಿಜಯಂಗೈದಿಲ್ಲಿಯುಲ್ಲಾಸದಿಂ ।
ಕರ್ಣಾಸ್ಪತ್ರಿಗಮಸ್ತಿಭೂತಶಿಲೆಯಂಸ್ಥಾಪಿಪ್ಪಿರೀಪ್ಸೇತುವಿಂ ॥
ಕರ್ಣಾಸ್ಪತ್ರಿಯಿದಿನ್ನುಶ್ರೀಕರಮೆನಿಪ್ಪೀ ಪಸ್ತಸಂಪರ್ಕದಿಂ ।
ದೌರ್ನ್ನತ್ಯಂ ಬಡೆದೀವುದಾರ್ತರಿಗೆ ನೇತ್ರಾನಂದಸಾಮ್ರಾಜ್ಯಮಂ ॥ ॥ ೬ ॥

ಆಕಲ್ಪಾಂತದೊಳಕ್ಷಿ ರೋಗಿಜನಗಳ್ಗಾರೋಗ್ಯಮಂ ಸೀಡುತಂ ।
ಪ್ರಾಕಟ್ಯಂ ಬಡೆದಿರ್ಕೆಲೋಕದೊಳಗೀಸನ್ನೇತ್ರ ವೈದ್ಯಾಲಯಂ ॥
ಲೋಕಾನಂದ ಸಮೆಸ್ತಶಕ್ತಿಭರಿತಂ ದೇವಂ ದಯಾಸಾಗರಂ ।
ಶ್ರೀಕೃಷ್ಣಕ್ಷಿತಿಪೇಂದ್ರಗಂ ಕುಡುಗೆತಾಂ ಪೂರ್ಣಾಯುರಾರೋಗ್ಯಮಂ ॥ ॥ ೭ ॥

Translation of the Invocation.

OCEAN fresh of matchless grace!
Suppliants' Friend! Whose heart's dear care
Is the good of all the race!
By whose glory beaming fair
Shines the whole globe everywhere!
May God Sri Krishna Raja bless,
Embodiment of Happiness!

May the stately Hospital,
Based on this Foundation stone
Blest and bright by touch alone
Of Your Highness' lotus hands,
Prosper ever as it stands
To remove the pain of all!

Of the States in Bharat land,
Know we well but two or three
Forward move on every hand
And a foremost place command.
But Karnata do we find
The brightest gem adorning Ind!
Needless then that wonder we
Sights like this we daily see!

Blest Victoria the Good,
Empress-Queen! protected well
Bharat land with as great love
As to England's self she showed!
Blessings on her memory dwell!
In her steps doth closely move
Royal George, her grandson great
Even so, Karnata State
Doth Krishna Raja love and guard,
Moving in their footsteps hard!

Lakshmi's self to earth descended
In Victoria's form was blended!
Goddess of Tranquillity!
Pleasure-giving sandal-tree
To which for comfort all resorted!
Yonder shines her hospital
Where the suffering are comforted!
Beside it this Ophthalmic Hall
Well deserves to take its place.
For on it the honoured name
With loving fingers shall we trace
Of Minto's Lord well known to Fame!

Since Karnata's Ruler kind
Lays with blessed hands this stone,
Soon shall we the building find
To exceeding greatness grown,
Giving affliction boundless wealth
In the shape of sight and health!

Pray we then: "For aye endure
This Ophthalmic Hospital,
To eye-disease-afflicted all
Giving comfort swift and sure!
May the Ocean of all Grace
On Krishna Raja Wadeyar
All His blessings rich confer—
Health and strength and length of days!"

Opening Address to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, G.C.S.I.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

ON the 22nd June 1897, Her Highness the Maharani-Regent, Your Highness' mother laid the foundation stone of the Victoria Hospital, dedicating it to the service of her people "without distinction of class or creed." That was a General Hospital, and Her Highness' expressed desire was, that it should be maintained in a state of the highest efficiency, so that the sick might have every advantage that medical science, as it progressed, could afford. That was a splendid commencement in hospital enterprise, but as time went on, it was felt that certain special branches of the healing art must sooner or later be provided with hospitals where they could be pursued with full advantage to the public.

Foremost amongst these stood ophthalmic medicine and surgery. It is true that this branch of medical endeavour had not been altogether forgotten in Mysore. In Saint Martha's Hospital, in the late nineties, diseases of the eye received attention, but it was even then beginning to be recognised that it was incumbent on the State itself to supply the people's wants in this important direction. It happened about that time that there was in the Mysore Medical Service a young officer, Doctor S. V. Ramaswamy Iyengar, who had recently come from Europe where he had devoted special attention to diseases of the eye, and Col. Benson, then Senior Surgeon in Mysore, proposed that a Dispensary for diseases of the eye should be opened under this officer's care. With characteristic caution, the Government of Her Highness the Maharani-Regent sanctioned the opening of such a Dispensary on trial for four months. A habitation for it consisting of a single room, 20 feet × 10 feet, having a door but no window, *viz.*, No. 2/44-3 Taluk Cutcherry road, was placed, *gratis*, at the disposal of Government by the late Mr. B. G. Krishna Iyengar, Deputy Commissioner of Hassan. An auspicious day, *viz.*, 9th November 1896, the birthday of the late KING-EMPEROR EDWARD VII, then Prince of Wales, was chosen for the opening ceremony.

However, before many days had expired, it was found absolutely necessary to find some place for in-patients, so on the 1st January 1897 the house, No. 2248 in Lal-Bagh road, now used as an Eye Hospital, was utilised for in-patients. Soon the four months elapsed, and the work done being satisfactory, the Senior Surgeon recommended the Dispensary should be made permanent, and be removed to more spacious quarters in the Taluk Cutcherry. This was sanctioned. Moreover it was decided that the Dispensary should be supported entirely from Provincial Funds. These orders took effect from 1st April 1897. And so the work proceeded, the out-patients being treated in the Taluk Cutcherry and the in-patients in the house

in Lal-Bagh road. Towards the end of 1898 the out-patient work was transferred to the verandah of the house in Lal-Bagh road, where it is still carried on. This house is a small bungalow, with no conveniences, yet a lot of work has been done there these fourteen years, as the following figures will show:—

Out-patients 84,147, in-patients 6,270 and operations 9,325 including 3,647 operations on the lens. The daily attendance of out-patients is now over 120, while the average of in-patients is nearly 25 a day.

Now in the early days of this work, with comparatively small numbers under treatment, the Medical Officer was able to get through it with some show of comfort, but of late years the dispensary has become overcrowded, and ever since I became the adviser of Your Highness' Government in medical matters, I have urged the necessity for a new hospital. More than once has it pleased Your Highness' Government to make an allotment for this hospital, but plague and bad seasons have prevented a start being made.

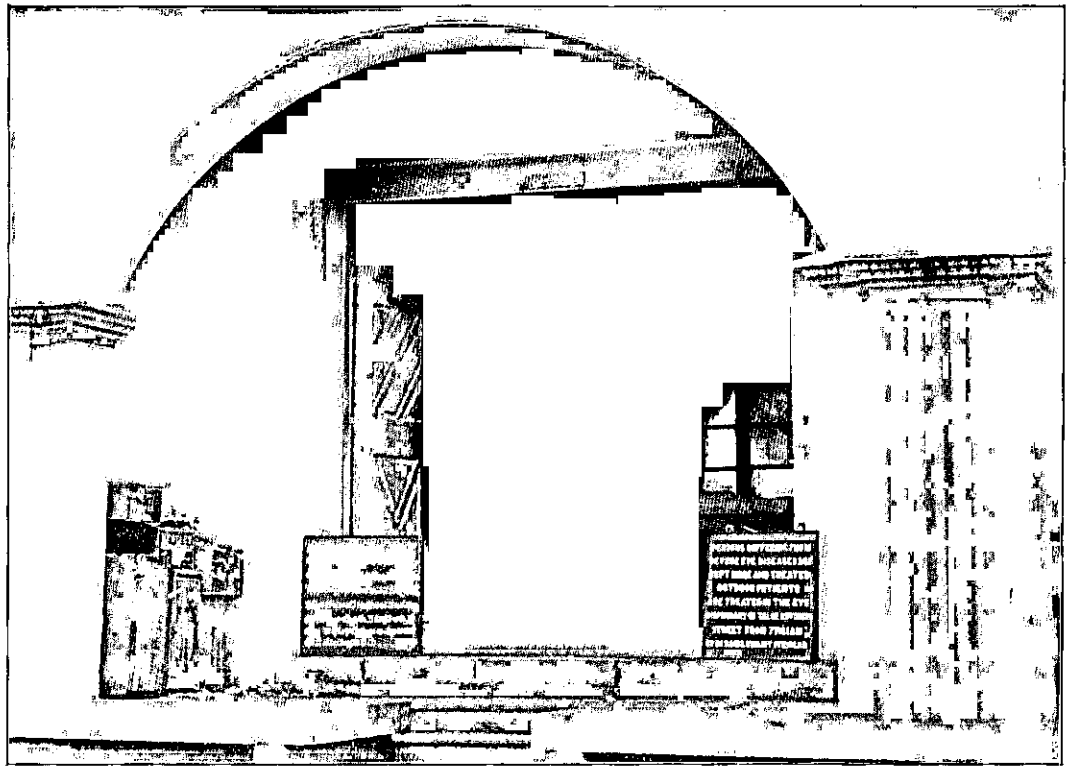
When I came back from leave in 1908, I found the foundations of a new operation theatre dug in the compound of the house in Lal-Bagh road. This was an endeavour to tide over the existing difficulties. It would have provided an operation room, but there would be no improvement in the condition of the unfortunate in-patients, and this I considered just as necessary as a new theatre. Moreover, the erection of a theatre meant the indefinite perpetuation of the existing evils. Under my advice the work was stopped, and my efforts were then devoted to obtaining sanction for the erection of a sanitary building. The advent of good seasons helped in this direction, and the end has been the ceremony of to-day, at which Your Highness has so graciously consented to preside and with your own hands to lay the foundation stone of what is to be the MINTO OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.

It is a source of satisfaction that Doctor S. V. Ramaswamy Iyengar who has worked all these years under such adverse circumstances, is still to the fore, fit, for many a day, to carry on the good work in surroundings after his own heart.

The accommodation in the new hospital will include ward room for 60 patients. There will be two theatres which will be fitted up in the most modern fashion. Special arrangements are devised for the comfort of gosha patients, and for the treatment of children. The hospital will present several modern features calculated to secure success to the efforts of the medical staff. Caste has not been forgotten, and four kitchens will be in operation to meet the requirements of the most orthodox. It has also been borne in mind that patients deprived of vision have often other faculties unusually well developed, especially that of hearing. Two recreation rooms have accordingly been provided, one for men and one for women, where sweet music may be discoursed as opportunity offers.

The sanitary arrangements will be on the lines of those in force in the new Manchester Infirmary, the opening of which was the last public act of our late KING-EMPEROR EDWARD VII. I specially visited this Infirmary when at home on my recent brief holiday, and many of the improvements in hospital sanitation which I observed there will be reproduced in our hospital here.

I will now ask Your Highness to lay the foundation stone.



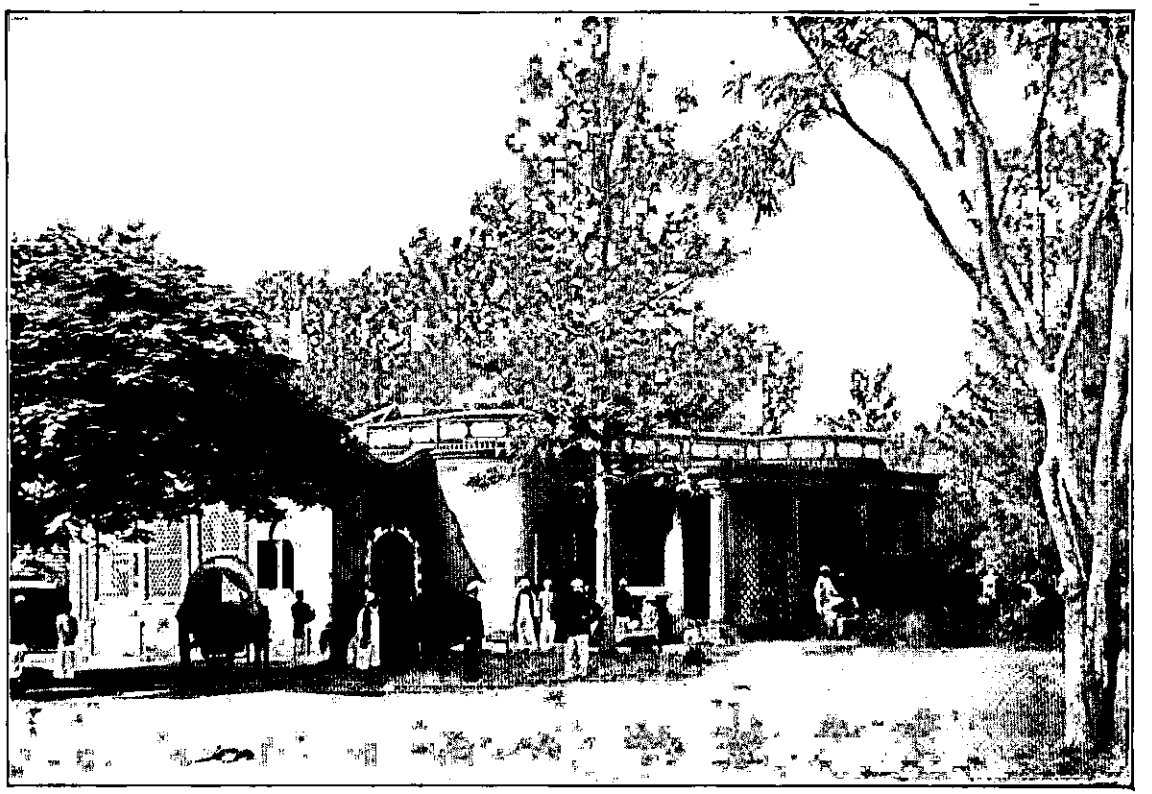
NO. 244-3 TALUK CUTCHERRY ROAD, THE ORIGINAL OPHTHALMIC DISPENSARY.

Reply of His Highness The Maharaja.

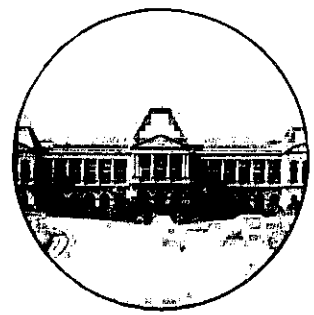
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have listened with great interest to Col. Smyth's address which explains very clearly the pressing need that exists for an Ophthalmic Hospital in the City of Bangalore. The "Victoria Hospital" with which my mother's name will always be associated is an Institution of which we are all justly proud and is a splendid monument to the memory of the great Queen Empress, whose name it bears, but, as Col. Smyth has pointed out, there are branches of the healing art which cannot be properly studied or developed without special hospitals of their own, and foremost among them is the branch of Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery, and I am glad that it has been possible for my Government by sanctioning the erection of a new Eye Hospital to take one more step forward in a policy which aims at giving Mysore a leading place among the Provinces and States of India in regard to its Medical Institutions. I may remind you that the forward policy to which I refer is not confined to the mere erection of Hospitals for the treatment of diseases, for we have long foreseen the necessity for securing a highly trained body of Physicians, Surgeons and Specialists for the future service of the State, and during recent years we have sent a number of our most promising medical students as State Scholars to Europe to be trained on western lines in the highest branches of their profession. In dwelling on this point I have no wish to disparage the ability and devotion to duty of the present members of the Mysore Medical Service and I should like on this occasion to give them a word of praise and appreciation. I should also like to take this opportunity of referring to the valuable services rendered to Mysore by Col. McGann and General Benson. These two officers are no longer with us but their names will long be remembered as household words among us all. Our present Senior Surgeon Col. Smyth has also established a high reputation by his zealous and whole-hearted performance of his arduous duties and it is a real pleasure to me to be able to congratulate him to-day on the realization of an object which he has long had at heart.

In conclusion, Ladies and Gentlemen, you will be gratified to know that our late Viceroy the Earl of Minto has graciously consented, at my request, to allow our new Ophthalmic Hospital to bear his name. This is a happy augury for the success of the Institution and I earnestly hope that it may do a good and noble work in the cause of suffering humanity and prove a worthy memorial of a Statesman whose name will long be remembered as a wise and far-seeing ruler and a true friend to India and her people.

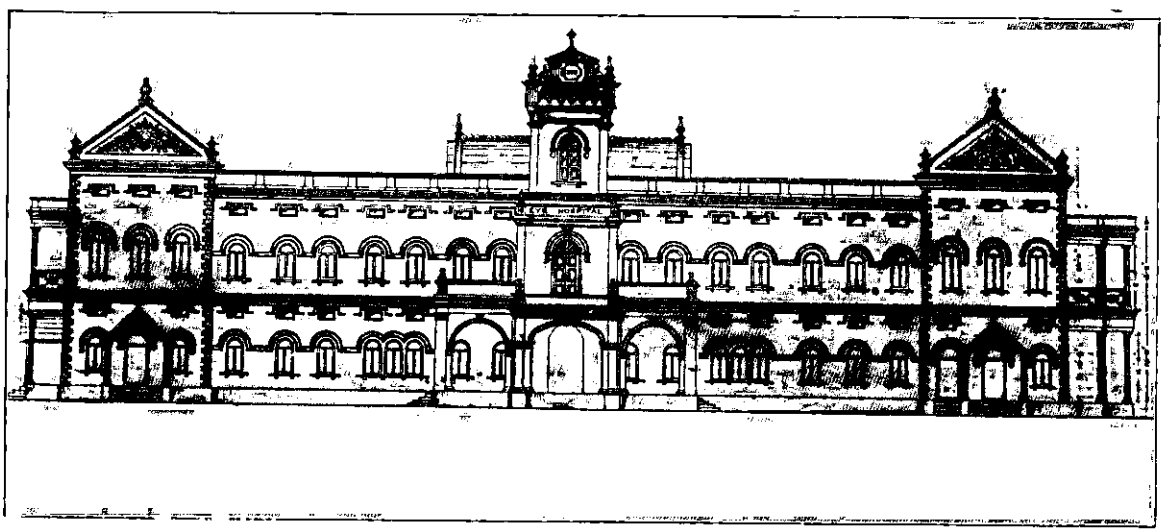


NO. 2245 LAL-BAGH ROAD, THE EXISTING OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.



VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BANGALORE.

GOVERNMENT PRESS, BANGALORE.



Frontispiece H. O. M. 1st Hospital.

Inscription upon the Foundation Stone.

THIS FOUNDATION STONE
OF THE MINTO OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL,
BANGALORE CITY,
WAS LAID BY
HIS HIGHNESS
SIR SREE KRISHNARAJA WADIYAR BAHADUR,
G.C.S.I.
MAHARAJA OF MYSORE,
ON 17TH DECEMBER 1910,
IN COMMEMORATION OF THE VICEROYALTY OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF MINTO,
G.C.M.G., G.M.S.I., G.M.I.E.
1905—1910.

W 22/3 Rr.

From

THE SENIOR SURGEON
WITH THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Govt
" Genl & Rev Depts
Bangalore

Dated 20 · 3 · 11

Despatched 21

Received

General No. G 463
No.

Enclosure No.

SUBJECTS.

Forwarding Copy of the booklet circulated on the occasion of laying the foundation stone of the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital